In 2019, the average score of eighth-grade students in Mississippi was 274. This was lower than the average score of 281 for students in the nation.

The average score for students in Mississippi in 2019 (274) was higher than their average score in 2017 (271) and in 2000 (254).

The percentage of students in Mississippi who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 24 percent in 2019. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2017 (22 percent) and was higher than that in 2000 (9 percent).

The percentage of students in Mississippi who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 62 percent in 2019. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2017 (59 percent) and was higher than that in 2000 (42 percent).

In 2019, male students had an average score that was 30 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (30 points).

In 2019, Hispanic students had an average score that was 12 points lower than that for White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 2000, because reporting standards were not met.

In 2019, male students in Mississippi had an average score that was not significantly different from that for female students.

In 2019, students who were eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), had an average score that was 28 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (24 points).

In 2019, the average score in Mississippi (274) was

- lower than those in 38 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 10 states/jurisdictions

DoDEA = Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools)

NOTE: Puerto Rico was not included in the comparison results.